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SUBJ: ALLEGED ASSAULT ON MR AND MRS ETIENNE MAUGER (CAMEROUN)

1. CAMEROUN MISSION HAS WRITTEN NOTE VERBALE TO USUN  
CALLING ATTENTION TO COMPLAINT MADE BY ETIENNE MAUGER,  
ATTACHE, AND MRS. MAUGER, FOR "AN INHUMANITARIAN ACT,  
DIRECT PUBLIC ASSAULT AND PHYSICAL VIOLENT TREATMENT"  
INFILCTED BY A NYC POLICE OFFICER ON JAN 28, 1974.

2. ACCORDING TO CAMEROUN MISSION, MAUGER'S BOUGHT TICKETS  
FOR "SUPER II TOURNAMENT", THEATRE BROADCAST OF MOHAMMED  
ALI-JOE FRAZIER FIGHT, FORTY-EIGHT HOURS BEFORE MATCH. AT  
8:30 PM THEY PRESENTED THEIR TICKETS AT ENTRANCE TO THEATRE AND  
TOOK THEIR SEATS. SINCE FIGHT STARTED AT 10:30 PM THEY  
WERE IN THEIR SEATS FOR ALMOST TWO HOURS. AT 10:30 PM  
LIGHTS WENT OFF, THE TWO BOXERS APPEARED ON SCREEN AND AT SAME TIME  
A NYC POLICE OFFICER APPEARED AND REQUESTED MAUGER'S TO PRODUCE  
THEIR TICKETS. HE HELD A FLASHLIGHT OVER THEIR HEADS,  
WHILE MAUGER SEARCHED HIS POCKET FOR TICKETS. AS  
FLASHLIGHT WAS FOCUSED ON HIS FACE, MAUGER TOLD  
OFFICER HE COULD NOT SEE. POLICE OFFICER THEN VIOLENTLY  
SLAPPED MAUGER TWICE IN FACE, GRABBED HIM BY SHOULDERS  
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AND THREW HIM AGAINST SEAT CAUSING HIS HEAD AND BAG TO

HIT SEAT. WHEN MRS. MAUGER ASKED POLICE OFFICER WHY HE WAS HITTING HER HUSBAND, HE SLAPPED MRS. MAUGER IN THE FACE AND STRUCK HER UPPER ARM WITH HIS FLASHLIGHT. HE THEN GRABBED MAUGER BY HIS NECKTIE, PUSHED COUPLE AND SHOUTED AT TOP OF HIS COICE "OUT", "OUT". MAUGERS' WERE TAKEN TO MANAGER WHO WAS STANDING AT GATE WITH SECURITY OFFICERS. HE TOLD MANAGER "THESE PEOPLE GOT IN WITHOUT TICKETS" AND LEFT MAUGERS' WITH MANAGER. MANAGER ASKED TO TO SEE TICKETS, WHICH WERE SHOWN TO HIM. HE THEN TOLD THEM TO RETURN TO WATCH FIGHT. WHEN THEY RETURNED TO THEIR SEATS THEY WERE ALREADY OCCUPIED BY OTHERS AND THEY WATCHED BALANCE OF FIGHT SITTING ON THREATRE STEPS. AFTER FIGHT THEY FILED FORMAL COMPLAINT WITH NYPD.

3. WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED BY NYPD THAT CASE AROSE WHEN SPECIAL PATROLMENT HIRED BY THREATRE WERE UNABLE MAINTAIN SEATING ORDER AND POLICE RESPONDED TO OBTAIN ORDER IN THREATRE.

4. PATROLMAN INVOLVED IS POLICE OFFICER TERRY BURKE OF MIDTOWN NORTH COMMAND.

5. CASE HAS BEEN REFERRED TO NY CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD.

6. USUN WILL ADVISE OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ASAP.  
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